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Chart: Hampton Roads, Virginia's bingo mecca

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Eleven of Virginia's 15 biggest bingo operations - bringing in gross revenues of more than \$25 million in 2003 - were in Hampton Roads:

KEY:  In Hampton Roads
 Not in Hampton Roads

1. Old Dominion Aquatic Club,
Virginia Beach

\$3.22 million

2. Boys & Girls Club of
Annandale, Inc., Alexandria

\$2.68 million

3. Fraternal Order of Police
8, Virginia Beach

\$2.50 million

4. Tidewater AIDS Crisis
Taskforce, Norfolk

\$2.49 million

5. Hope House Foundation,
Norfolk

\$2.43 million

6. Tidewater Humane Inc.,
Virginia Beach

\$2.31 million

7. Fraternal Order of Police
20, Portsmouth

\$2.31 million

8. Aragona Pembroke Little
League, Virginia Beach

\$2.25 million

9. Knights of Columbus 5480,
Newport News

\$2.23 million

10. Friendship Fire Company
1, Inc., Winchester

\$2.20 million

11. Youth Services
Corporation, Virginia Beach

\$2.15 million

12. Shawnee Volunteer Fire
Department, Winchester

\$2.01 million

13. Atlantic Coast Club,
Portsmouth

\$1.92 million

14. Knights of Columbus
5332, Manassas

\$1.89 million

15. The Animal Assistance
League of Virginia, Inc.,
Chesapeake

\$1.87 million

PUTTING IT INTO PERSPECTIVE

Last year, **\$103.9 million** was spent on games in Hampton Roads.

\$43 out of every \$100 spent on licensed bingo games in Virginia was spent here in 2003.



19 of the 25 large commercial bingo halls that operate in Virginia are in Hampton Roads.



Of the 95 games in Virginia that grossed \$1 million or more last year, **49** were in Hampton Roads.



9 of the 12 games that grossed \$2 million or more were here.



20 of the 43 criminal convictions for bingo-related crimes since 1997 have been here.



3 of the 5 organizations whose permits have been revoked in Virginia for violations this year have been in Hampton Roads.



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